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### **Suwon air defense unit welcomes new commander**

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**SUWON AIR BASE, REPUBLIC OF KOREA** – The incoming commander of the 1st Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery (Patriot) was welcomed in true Cavalry style during a change of command June 18 at Suwon Air Base.

Traditional shiny spurs, trademark black Stetson hats, and plenty of “Cav” esprit de corps were part of the pageantry as the battalion, part of the 6th Cavalry Brigade, said hello to Lt. Col. Terence M. Dorn and bid farewell to Lt. Col. David M. Pendergast.

Dorn was most recently Patriot Division chief in the Office of the Training and Doctrine Command Systems Manager's office at Fort Bliss, Texas. His wife, Nicole, is a captain currently assigned to the 501st Military Intelligence Brigade.

Col. Ronald M. Buffkin, 6th Cavalry Brigade commander, commended Pendergast for the battalion's high state of readiness and discipline.

Pendergast thanked those under his command

“All of you have made this battalion the best Patriot battalion in the United States Army,” he told the Soldiers before welcoming Dorn, a long-time friend.

Dorn said, "I am truly honored to have been selected to stand here today and accept the reins of this great battalion from my friend and colleague, Lt. Col. Dave Pendergast. Leading Soldiers is the highest honor for an Army officer."